We Know

"…we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

(**Romans 8:28**)

Beloved, we know! We don't just believe it, we know it! We know that our good and ready to forgive Lord works all things together for His glory and our good. He has loved us with an eternal, everlasting love: He has saved and called us according to His purpose and grace given to us in Christ Jesus before the world began! [Psalm 86:5, Jeremiah 31:3, 2 Timothy 1:9].

Beloved, we are <u>ascended</u> with Him

Because His saving work is finished, we are risen with Him [Psalm 20:8].

Beloved, we are <u>accepted</u> in Him

Because His life is well pleasing to the Father, we are righteous by and in Him. We have received the forgiveness of sins through the shedding of His precious blood and are accepted in God's beloved Son through His blood and righteousness [2 Peter 1:17].

And lastly beloved, We will <u>appear</u> as He is

Because our life is hid and found in Him, we can rejoice in Him and glorify Him, who is our redeemer, our surety, and our righteousness. We know, as He is so are we in this world, and so shall we be ever more. Beloved, seek those things which are above, follow Christ Jesus our Lord and God [1 John 4:17]. —Pastor

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"And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto Aaron and unto his sons, saying, On this wise ye shall bless the children of Israel, saying unto them, The LORD bless thee, and keep thee: The LORD make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: The LORD lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. And they shall put my name upon the children of Israel; and I will bless them" (Numbers 6:22-27). May the blessed promise in the close of Numbers chapter 6, be our portion; that JESUS our High Priest, may put the name of our GOD upon us, as His children, and we shall be blessed indeed! [AMEN!]—Robert Hawker

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December 27th, 2020

We gather together
Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. and
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"Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. ***Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice****."*

(**John 18:37**)

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Remember beloved, and never forget it, the word of God declares (speaking of His people, His elect) *"all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose."* Now that comfort is not for everyone, but rather, it is for those who are called according to God's purpose and grace, which was given to them in Christ Jesus before the world began [Romans 8:28, 2 Timothy 1:9]. What does that mean? A faithful minister of the gospel put it this way, 'Since I heard the good news, I have not heard any bad news, for my God works all things together for the good of His people.' Praise the LORD! God's grace is wonderful toward His people, is it not? Good things and bad things, big things and small things, significant things and insignificant things, our great God works them all together for His glory and the good and salvation of His people.

Welcome

Sinners are welcome at Sovereign Grace Church. We are a local body of the Lord Jesus Christ. As you spend time with us, you'll soon discover we're an imperfect assembly, with an imperfect pastor, yet by God's underserved grace, we preach, believe, and know the perfect gospel of our never failing Lord Jesus Christ. Reader, we call His name JESUS for HE SHALL (not might, not maybe) rather HE SHALL save His people from their sins. And beloved believing sinner you already know it — you are complete in Him, saved to the uttermost (Hebrews 7:26).

Announcements

Sovereign Grace Bible Conference

David Eddmenson

February 26th, 27th, & 28th

Happy Birthday!

Clarissa Richards, January 3rd

Resources

Be sure to visit our websites for gospel articles, live messages, and resources.

Grace Articles

Do you believe with all your heart?

"…as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."
(**Acts 8:36-37**)

Baptism is an essential part of our public profession of the faith of the gospel. By baptism we confess our union with Christ, and confidence in Him as our representative before God —*"As many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ."* In baptism we acknowledge our sin and its just punishment, and we testify of our faith in Christ's substitutionary death to put away sin —*"Know ye not that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?"* And we confess our faith in the resurrection of Christ, and our spiritual resurrection by His power in our baptism —*"We were buried with Him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with Him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised Him from the dead." "Therefore, we are buried with Him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in the newness of life"* (Romans 6:3, Colossians 2:12, Romans 6:4).

[Reader] Do you believe with all your heart? If so, then you ought to follow the Lord in believer's baptism. Secret disciples, like Joseph and Nicodemus, must always be suspect disciples. Children of God, let us remind ourselves continually of our public profession in baptism. Are we indeed crucified with Christ? Let us, then, count the world as a dead thing to us. Are we indeed risen with Christ? Let us, then, walk in the newness of life.

According to the New Testament, there is but one thing essential to baptism. The person being baptized must have a personal heart faith in Jesus Christ. The essence of baptism is not in the person or church performing it, but in the heart obedience of the person being baptized. You must have a personal faith in the person, work, and power of Jesus Christ the Son of God. To be baptized without faith in Christ is as dangerous as partaking of the Lord's Table without faith. In both cases the unbeliever fails to discern the Lord's body. If the Holy Spirit enables you to trust Christ alone for your complete salvation, you should be baptized, publicly 'calling on the name of the Lord.' — Don Fortner